

Administrative Law Section

of the Washington State Bar Association



Administrative Law Section Executive Committee Telephonic Meeting March 16, 2020

Executive Committee Members Present: Robert Krabill (Chair), Eileen Keiffer (Chair-Elect), Bob Murphy (2017-2020), Alexis Gobeske (2019-2022), Bill Pardee (2019-2022), Susan Pierini (2018-2021), Lea Anne Dickerson (2018-2021), Marjorie Gray (2019-2022). Michael Addams (Young Lawyer Liaison).

Also Present: Richard Potter (Legislative Committee Chair), Gabe Verdugo (Publications and Practice Manual Committee Chair). John Gray, Eelen Trang (WSBA liaison).

Absent Executive Committee Members: Jonathon Bashford (Immediate Past Chair), Katy Hatfield (Treasurer), Scott Boyce (2018-2021), Richelle Little (Secretary), Robert Rhodes (2019-2020), Chad Standifer (2017-2020).

Meeting called to order at 12:06 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes (all)

A motion was made (Marjorie) and seconded (Mike Addams) to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2020, meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Agenda (all)

The standard agenda was proposed, with the addition of an item to discuss listserv postings. A motion was made (Robert Krabill) and seconded (Bob Murphy) to approve the agenda; the motion passed unanimously.

3. Financial update (Eleen Trang on behalf of Katy Hatfield)

Eleen reported a fund balance of approximately \$13,000 for the period ending January 21, 2020. The group discussed the remaining balance for receptions (~\$400) for possible use at a Cougar Den CLE reception.

4. Retreat Update (Marjorie Gray)

Marjorie and Eleen will review the contract with Alderbrook to determine when any cancellation or rescheduling requirement would be, considering the fluid state of affairs from the coronavirus outbreak. The group did not favor postponement at this date, but did discuss potential methods to increase social distancing and/or food precautions to take at the early June retreat.

5. Committee updates

5.1 CLE (Eileen Keiffer, Robert Krabill, Susan Pierini, Lea Dickerson)

Eileen gave the update. The previously scheduled April 2 full-day CLE on the Public Records Act in Seattle is postponed until August, exact date TBD. The mini-CLE on the Cougar Den case scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2020 (Yakima) is not yet postponed but the CLE Committee will consider again on Friday, March 20. Robert Krabill will reach out to the hotel for the Cougar Den CLE to inquire about postponing or cancellation if need be. Additionally, Eileen reported that the committee is exploring mini-CLEs spinning off from the PRA CLE in Spokane, northern Washington, etc.; however, nothing has been formally planned yet.

5.2 Legislative (Richard Potter)

Richard provided the update. The 2020 session ended last week. The section was monitoring 47 bills, 10 of those passed both houses (among those, HB 1888, HB 2302, and a bill relating to administrative re-organization of the GMHB). Richard will send out a full update on or around March 20, after the governor has had time to veto bills if any (although Richard did not expect any vetoes). Richard will write an update on the legislative session for the section's spring newsletter.

John Gray and Richard also reported on their meeting with representatives from the Attorney General's office regarding their indexing project. Their report is that the AG is unlikely to support that project, due to views that the indexing requirement of the PRA is outdated and that agencies lack funding to engage in such a project.

5.3 Publications and Practice Manual (Gabe Verdugo)

Gabe reported that the PRA deskbook supplement should be out early next month. He also reported that the Administrative Law Practice manual (published by Lexis) will be linked for purchase on the section's website soon. He also reported it is going to online format only, and it is unclear what the impact of that on existing subscribers will be.

Additionally, Gabe is looking to step down from his position in order to allow a new face to take over the role. Those interested should reach out to him and/or Robert Krabill.

5.4 Diversity and Outreach (Alexis Gobeske)

Alexis provided an update. The mentorship program was supposed to have its orientation at the April 2 CLE; it will now be a different date because of the CLE's postponement, although she noted the new CLE date of August will not work for the mentorship program scheduling. She will work with WSBA to schedule a virtual or telephonic orientation.

She also reported she had reach out to the Spokane County Bar Association about an open sections night, perhaps in October or November. Bob Murphy volunteered to assist her with contacts in Spokane and Mike Addams also offered outreach assistance to Alexis.

5.5 Homan Award (Lea Anne Dickerson)

There were no updates.

5.6 Newsletter (Bill Pardee)

Bill is working on the spring newsletter, to feature a legislative update from Richard Potter. He is always looking for case updates or other newsletter content. He also received an update on CLE status from Eileen, and the CLE Committee will keep Bill informed about rescheduling so that Bill can inform through the newsletter.

5.7 Elections

Robert gave the update. Elections are coming up soon. Katy and Richelle would be returning for their roles as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. The section is looking for a new Chair Elect.

There was also discussion about the Young Lawyer Liaison position, which is selected differently than the Executive Committee. Mike Addams will assist Eileen/WSBA with recruitment and WSBA will get information out on the recruitment process soon.

6. **Next Meeting**

Before the group adjourned, Eileen let everyone know the Board of Governor's meeting this week is scheduled to be by webcast only now, due to the need for social distancing.

Next meeting is April 20, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.